

IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY REFERENCE SERIES

HISTORICAL MUSEUMS, SOCIETIES, AND COLLECTIONS IN IDAHO MASTER LIST

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the Idaho State Historical Society)

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ARCO

Craters of the Moon National Monument

Founded: 1924
Mailing Address: U.S. Dept. Of Interior
National Park Service
Craters of the Moon National Monument
Arco, ID 83213
Park Naturalist: Dennis L. Carter
Publications: Geology of Craters of the Moon, by
Stearns (\$1.00)
"Devil's Orchard" Nature Trail Leaflet
(15¢)
Open: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. - June, July, August
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - winter months
Admission: Free

A seven-mile loop drive through the monument is open from June 10 through Labor Day at a charge of \$1.00 per car.

Visitor Center contains exhibits on geology and other features of the monument area.

W. R. Anderson Collection and Museum (Out of Business)

Director: W. R. Anderson
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2
Arco, ID 83213

BLISS

Frontier Ghost Town

Founded: 1957
Mailing Address: Box 336
Bliss, ID
Phone: 352-4414
Owner: Lloyd Mylon
Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, all year
Admission: \$1.00 adults, 50¢ children

Private site with two museums including antiques, cars, music boxes, and House of Memories.

BLACKFOOTBingham County Historical Society

Founded: 1962
 Address: 214 S. University
 Blackfoot, ID
 Phone: 785-3108
 Director: C. Dean Hill

Museum not open at this time.

BOISEThe Boise Gallery of Art

Founded: 1932
 Opened: 1937
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1505
 Boise, ID 83701
 Governing Auth.: The Boise Art Association
 Activities: lectures, films, gallery talks, arts
 festivals, library, study clubs,
 formally organized education programs
 for children and adults; inter-museum
 loan and circulating exhibitions
 Open: 12 n. to 5 p.m., Tues thru Sun, holidays
 Admission: Free

The Gallery has paintings, sculpture, graph crafts, works of
 modern American Western articles.

Idaho State Historical Society

Founded: 1907
 Address: 1109 Main Street, Suite 250
 Boise, ID 83702
 Director: John Hill
 Governing Auth.: State of Idaho
 Activities: membership, field trips, children's
 services and Junior Historian Prospector
 Clubs, research and publications, and a
 cooperative program on highway markers
 for historic sites

Publications: Idaho Yesterdays, the Society quarterly,
 included with membership at all levels.
Idaho Historical Series, list available
 on request.

Open: Prospector, Junior Historian Magazine
 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday thru Saturday
 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday and Holidays

Admission: Free

The Society has material related to history of Idaho and Pacific

Northwest including manuscripts, archives, newspapers, maps, pictures and photographs, genealogical collection, historical library, and objects collection.

Governor Don Samuelson

Private collection of guns and rocks.

Mrs. Wilma Statham

Address: 4023 Hoover
Boise, ID

Private collection including Owyhee County material; historical information, papers, manuscripts, and pictures.

BUHL

Mr. Lynn Langdon

Private collection.

CALDWELL

I.O.O.F. Museum

Founded: 1962
Address: 920 Grant Street
Caldwell, ID
Phone: 459-2091
Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday
Admission: Free

Private Odd Fellow historical collection of items; also other historical material.

Kiwanis Outdoor Museum

Founded: 1963
Address: Caldwell City Park
Caldwell, ID
Phone: 337-3517
Open: Not on regular hours as yet; tours can
be arranged through Mr. Van Slyke.
Dedicated to: Mr. C. M. Van Slyke

Extensive collection of early-day farming machinery and equipment; also two box cars full of pioneer items; covers over half a block in area.

CAMBRIDGE

Floyd's Museum

Founded: 1966
Floyd Burgess died and willed Museum to City of Cambridge in 1967.
Open: during summer months by Elmer Burgess
Admission: small charge for maintenance

Collection contains historical items of area, also bottles and rocks.

COEUR D'ALENE

Kootenai County Historical Society

Director: Marvin Jones
Phone: 664-8088

COTTONWOOD

St. Gertrude's Museum

Founded: November 1931
Mailing Address: St. Gertrude's Museum
Cottonwood, ID 83522
Director: Sister M. Alfreda Elsensohn
Governing Auth.: St. Gertrude's Academy
Publications: Pioneer Days in Idaho County, Vol. 1 and
Vol. 11, by Sister Alfreda
Flora of the Camas Prairie Region (\$2)
Open: By request and on annual Academy Day
from 12 noon until closing time.
Admission: Free

The Museum's headquarters is in the Academy building in rooms especially built for this purpose.

FRANKLIN

Pioneer Relic Hall

Founded: 1910
Address: City Center (across from church)
Mailing Address: Mrs. Gwen N. Gibson, Secretary
Franklin, ID 83237
Phone: 646-2203
Governing Auth.: Idaho Pioneer Association
Marla Woodward, Chairman
Board of Governors
Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day, mid-April
to October 1, and by appointment.
Admission: Free

Two buildings containing extensive Pioneer Historical collection.
A sign posted on the door shows where the attendant may be reached at any time.

GIFFORD

Ralph L. Williams

Indian material. Private Collection.

GRANGEVILLE**Idaho County Historical Museum**

Mailing Address: Mrs. Neil Smith
Grangeville, ID

Governing Auth.: Idaho County Historical Society

President: Mrs. Eunice Adkison

The society sponsors historical tours and is making plans for a bigger museum.

HAILEY**Blaine County Historical Museum**

Founded: 1962

Opened: 1964

Mailing Address: Box 115
Hailey, ID 83333

President: Mrs. Julia Heagle

Staff: two part-time attendants

Open: all day during summer months

Admission: 25¢ adults

HOMEDALE**Homedale Tractor & Equipment Company**

Owner: Bud Baxter

Farming equipment. Private collection.

IDAHO CITY**Boise Basin Museum**

Dedicated: June 22, 1958 by Gov. Robert E. Smylie

Incorporated: September 23, 1958

President: John Brogan

Governing Auth.: Idaho City Historical Foundation

Staff: volunteer

Publications: "Welcome" brochures to Idaho City

Open: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays

1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays & Sundays

June 1 to October 1

Admission: 25¢ adults, 10¢ children 12 and under

IDAHO FALLS**Sportsman Park Museum of Natural History**

Founded: 1920's

Open: 7 a.m. until dark summer-closed winter

Admission: free

Built by the Bonneville sportsman Association and dedicated to Peter Pederson. Made of natural lava slabs, furnished and hauled

in by the Japanese-American League. Native timbers used inside.
Contains birds and animals native to Idaho Falls area.

JULIAETTA

Arrow Museum

Founded: March 1967
 Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Soyk
 Mailing Address: Route 1, Box 44
 Juliaetta, ID
 Open: Through the summer and whenever they are home.
 Admission: Free
 Private collection. Two rooms in their home. Indian artifacts, other items.

KOOSKIA

Arrowhead Museum

Founded: 1966 by Pankey Brothers of Kooskia
 Address: Lowell, Idaho (about twenty-three miles from Kooskia on Lewis & Clark Highway)
 Operated by: William Slasor
 Open: summer months
 Admission: 50¢
 Private collection. Indian material gathered from area.

"Nee Mee Poo" Museum & Trading Post

Founded: June 1964
 Owner-Director: Mrs. Dan Broncheau
 Address: Kooskia, ID 83539
 Publication: Booklet of Nez Perce Indian general history (50¢)
 Open: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., daily, June through September
 Admission: 50¢ Adults, 35¢ Children 6 to 16
 Located on an old Indian campground on the Lewis & Clark Highway and dedicated to preserving the history, culture, and heritage of the Nez Perce Indian Tribe of Idaho.

KETCHUM

Wood River Historical Society

Owner: Mrs. O. Margaret Irvin
 Mailing Address: Box 552
 Ketchum, ID
 Open: Not on display at this time.
 The old ore wagons used in the area have been donated to the city. The Historical Society plans to build a new museum building to house them and other items in their collection.

LEWISTON**Dr. H. L. Talkington Collection**

Founded: 1943
 Address: Lewis-Clark Normal School
 Lewiston, ID
 Director: Robert E. Jones, Associate Professor of
 History
 Open: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday, and
 Friday, or on special request.
 Admission: Free

The collection is located in the basement of the library building.

Luna House

Founded: January 1961
 Address: 0310 Third Street
 Lewiston, ID
 President: Marcus Ware
 Phone: 743-1516
 Governing Auth.: Luna House Historical Society, Inc.
 Open: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday
 Admission: Free

Museum includes historical items of the area, antiques, etc.

Woody Blakely

Address: 1109 Cedar Avenue
 Lewiston, ID

Private collection.

Floyd G. Mossler

Address: 417 13th Street
 Lewiston, ID

Private collection.

MALAD**Daughters of the Pioneers**

Address: 270 West 500 North
 Malad, ID

President: Mrs. John L. Price

Collection currently displayed in bank building in city center.
 Can be seen from large windows. Closer inspection may be
 arranged by contacting Mrs. Price.

MARSING**Marsing City Museum**

Founded: 1964
 Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

Admission: Free
Collection includes historical items, antiques, etc.

MELBA

Cleo's Ferry Museum

Address: Walters Ferry, historic site
Melba, ID
Owners: Dr. & Mrs. S. A. Swayne
Open: By Appointment
Admission: Free
Private museum.

Mrs. Lydia Bailey

Address: Star Route
Melba, ID
Private collection of Owyhee County information.

MOSCOW

The University Museum

Founded: 1964
Mailing Address: University of Idaho
Moscow, ID 83843
Director: G. Ellis Burcaw
Staff: 1 full time plus student help
Governing Auth.: University of Idaho
Open: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily, when University
is in session
Admission: Free
Program at present is a full schedule of temporary exhibits,
mainly circulating art shows. Permanent exhibits are being
planned. Courses in museology offered.

Latah County Pioneer Association

Founded: 1890
Mailing Address: Miss Theodora V. Smith, Secretary
403 N. Washington Street
Moscow, ID
The old Governor McConnell Mansion was donated for a museum.

MOUNTAIN HOME

Elmore County Historical Society

Founded: 1963
Treasurer: Mr. C. P. Anderson
Phone: 587-4731
Most of the collection of the Elmore County Historical Society is
on display in Mr. Anderson's accounting Office in the Mellen
Hotel Building in Mountain Home.

MURPHY**Owyhee County Historical Museum**

Founded: 1960
 Opened: 1963
 Director: Mrs. Julia J. Hyslop
 Governing Auth.: Owyhee County Historical Society
 Activities: lectures, field trips, Old Timers
 picnic, historic sites, education
 program for children, library
 Publications: history papers, maps, occasional papers
 Open: Thursday and Sunday afternoons during
 summer
 Admission: Free

Mrs. Helen Nettleton

Open: by appointment
 Admission: Free

Private museum containing manuscripts and artifacts of early cattle ranching.

NAMPA**Miss Annie Laurie Bird**

Address: Northwest Nazarene College
 Nampa, ID

Private collection of manuscripts, books, pictures on Canyon County and Nampa.

Mr. Jerry Stanke

Address: 612 17th Avenue South
 Nampa, ID 83651

Private collection of manuscripts, pictures on Owyhee County. Military is the particular interest.

OROFINO**Clearwater Historical Society**

Founded: 1956
 Opened: 1967
 Mailing Address: Mrs. E. M. Downing
 Corresponding Secretary
 Box 861
 Orofino, ID
 Open: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon thru Sat
 Admission: Free

POCATELLO**Idaho State University Museum**

Founded: 1934
 Opened: 1956
 Address: University Library Building
 Pocatello, ID
 Director: Dr. Earl H. Swanson, Jr.
 Governing Auth.: Idaho State University
 Staff 8
 Activities: Guided tours, lectures, formally
 organized education program for children
 and undergraduates, research;
 Introduction to Museum Methods,
 Introduction to Vertebrate Paleontology
 and Techniques in Archeology offered for
 credit; conservation laboratory.
 Publications: occasional papers and Tebiwa, museum
 journal.
 Open: 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.,
 Wed evening 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.,
 closed Sat, Sun, and certain holidays
 Admission: Free
 Natural History Museum, anthropology, paleontology, geology,
 history, zoology. Groups should make appointments.

Bannock County Historical Museum

Founded: 1958
 Opened: 1960
 Curator: Homer Davis
 Mailing Address: Box 253
 Pocatello, ID 83201
 Governing Auth.: Bannock County Historical Society
 Open: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tues through Sun
 Admission: Free
 Museum contains displays of early life in Bannock County, Fort
 Hall Indian artifacts, and pictures of early day railroading.

Fort Hall Replica Commission

Founded: 1962
 Mailing Address: Karl S. Cayford, Secretary
 P.O. Box 674
 Pocatello, ID 83201
 Governing Auth.: City of Pocatello
 Open: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., April 15 to Labor Day
 Admission: Free
 The staff is under the direction of Mr. Tom Knapp, Director of
 Parks, City of Pocatello.

POLLOCK**Little Salmon River Museum**

Founded: July 1966
 Owner: Mr. Loren Englander
 Mailing Address: c/o Little Salmon Store
 Pollock, ID
 Open: on request
 Admission: Donations or 50¢, children free

Private collection located on Old Highway that contains many early pioneer items, Nez Perce made saddles, 14 or 15 wagons, etc. Would be glad to have all interested school groups come to see the displays.

SALMON**Lemhi County Historical Society Museum**

Founded: 1963
 Secretary: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Reed
 Activities: guided tours
 Governing Auth.: Lemhi County Historical Society
 Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mon thru Sat, April
 through October
 Admission: Free

SANDPOINT**Bonner County Museum**

Founded: 1947
 Address: Community Hall
 210 S. 1st Avenue
 Sandpoint, ID
 Chairman: Floyd A. Perks
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 702
 Sandpoint, ID
 Activities: loans to schools, school tours
 Governing Auth.: David Thompson Sesquicentennial
 Association, Inc.
 Open: by appointment
 Admission: Free

Museum collection includes early Americana, local historical items, Indian artifacts, animal displays, minerals, and sea shells.

SILVER CITY**Old Schoolhouse Museum**

Founded: July 3, 1961
 Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Walt Adams
 Mailing Address: Silver City

c/o Post Office
 Murphy, ID 83650
 Publications: Several newspaper articles, Historic
Silver City, The Story of the Owyhees
 (\$3)
 Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., June through October
 Admission: 50¢ adults, 25¢ teens

SPALDING

Nez Perce National Park

Director: Mr. Earl Harris
 Phone: 843-2685
 Canoe Camp Visitor Center is open. There is picnic grounds but no camping areas. Mr. Harris is an historian and is compiling Nez Perce information of national interest.

STANLEY

Yankee Fork Museum

Founded: 1952
 Address: Clayton District Ranger Station
 Clayton, ID
 Open: 8 a.m. until no more visitors, every
 day, July 1 to Labor Day
 Admission: Free
 Collection includes many early day mining items used in the area.

TWIN FALLS

Twin Falls County Historical Society

President: Mr. Lester McGregor
 Route 1
 Twin Falls, ID 83316
 Address: Museum - County Fairgrounds
 Curator: Eddie Jagels
 Cloverdale Ranch
 Route 1
 Twin Falls, ID
 Open: during the Fair

Herrett Arts and Science Center and Observatory

Founded: 1963
 Address: 1220 Kimberly Road
 Twin Falls, ID
 Activities: Observatory lectures
 Open: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon thru Thurs & Sunday
 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday
 Admission: Free for Museum, 25¢ per child for
 student lecture in Observatory

Collection includes American Indian artifacts, artifacts from Peru, Mexico, and South America in general, astronomy displays, Art Society displays, and various private collections such as coins and birds on occasion.

WALLACE

Wallace Mining Museum

Founded: 1959
 Address: 715-719 Bank Street
 Wallace, ID
 Governing Auth.: Chamber of Commerce, Wallace, ID 83873
 Phone: 753-7151
 Manager: Mr. Roland Bruning
 Activities: guided tours, lectures, films, reading
 room, study clubs, formally organized
 education programs for adults,
 undergraduate, and graduate students
 Open: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon thru Sat, May to Oct
 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon thru Sat, Nov to
 April; Sun by appointment
 Admission: Free
 Collection includes Indian and early settler artifacts, library,
 manuscripts.

WEISER

Weiser Historical Museum and Fiddlers Hall of Fame

Founded: 1960
 Address: 40 West Commercial Street
 Weiser, ID
 President: Mrs. Betty Derig
 1355 W. 3rd
 Weiser, ID
 Open: 10 a.m.-12 noon & 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Tues,
 Thurs, and Fri, May 15 to Labor Day.
 Every day the third week in June for
 the Old Time Fiddlers Convention.
 Closed holidays.
 Collection includes historical items of all kinds. Museum will
 open for special groups of ten or more if prearranged.

Publications--450 N. 4th Street, Boise, ID 83702--208-334-3428